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## Southwest Resident Awarded Fulbright Scholarship

Native SWDC resident Madeline (Maddy) Hall has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship for graduate study in New Zealand. She plans to spend a year performing research at the University of Otago in Dunedin, and complete a master's degree in Environmental Sociology. Her research will focus on a decision process for local sheep and cattle farmers.

This won't be her first time in New Zealand, where she spent a semester abroad in 2010. On her spring break there, she worked as a farmhand mustering (herding), tagging, and shearing sheep in exchange for room and board. That's where she learned about the decisions farmers face there about participation in the country's carbon credits program.

Before that, these programs had just been something discussed in class, not with a farmer facing important decisions about his family business. She



found that the farmer and owner of Te Hapu, a thousand-acre farm on the rocky coast of New Zealand's south island, had done his homework when he showed her a folder of newspaper clippings on carbon credits. He was still unsure about whether to participate, and she became interested how farmers make such decisions. She plans to collect her research data by using concept mapping, a tool for mapping a person's thought process to show how a person thinks about particular issues, options, and decisions.

She believes her research will be relevant in both New Zealand and the United States.

"Knowledge about farmers' decisions to take part in these programs is needed in order to better design effective policies, and to ensure that they respond to farmers' specific desires and needs," she wrote in her proposal.

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photo by Saadia Athias

## Ron McBee Memorial Tree at Southwest Gardens

By Sam Marrero

On Saturday, November 9th, at 2:00pm, the Southwest Gardens Community gathered with community leaders and friends to plant a cherry tree to honor the passing of "The Mayor of Southwest," Ron McBee. Ron served as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in Southwest from 2007 until the time of his death in Autumn 2013.

Ron was instrumental in managing the July 31st, 2013 realization of SW Community Gardens. Once Fiskars Co. awarded the Project Orange Thumb grant in early 2013, Ron advanced the process of lining up arduous land-preparation tasks and wrangling permits from relevant city government agencies.

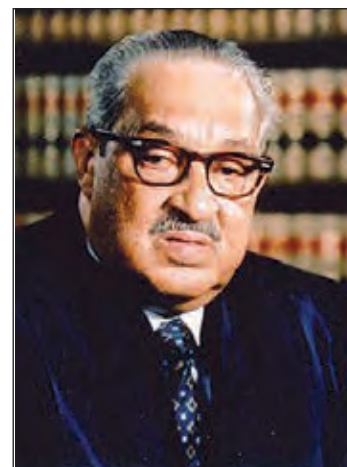
Ron is also fondly remembered as an advocate for our neighboring Amidon-Bowen Elementary School and Jefferson Middle School. Education was a cause close to Ron's heart and Ron understood the educational and community-building role of public resource like the Southwest Community Gardens.

## A Golden Evening Saluted the Family and Legacy of Thurgood Marshall

By Elaine F. Graves

The evening of October 17th marked another outstanding and inspirational "Celebratory Dinner Honoring the Legacy of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall," which raised funds to support the St. Augustine's Episcopal Church's southwest neighborhood outreach programs. The reception held outside in a tent included over 125 community neighbors, friends, St. Augustine's parishioners, event sponsors, and other supporters. Every two years the church hosts a dinner in honor of Marshall, who was a former parishioner and whose wife, Cecilia Marshall, remains active today on the Altar Guild and serves in other volunteer activities.

Honorary Chair Mrs. Cecilia Suyat Marshall, Rev. Martha Clark, priest-in-charge, and Keynote Speaker Sherrilyn Ifill, seventh president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), greeted attendees at the reception. Thurgood Marshall Dinner Volunteers escorted the guests through the Narthex decorated with photos of Thurgood Marshall and fall flower arrangements. The sanctuary was filled with tables covered by gold tablecloths and floral centerpieces of yellow roses and blue hydrangeas, which highlighted a delicious dinner of Coq au Vin, garden greens salad, and white chocolate pump-



Thurgood Marshall

kin cheese cake.

Maureen Bunyan of ABC7/WJLA-TV, an elegant and gracious Mistress of Ceremonies, welcomed everyone. Josephus Nelson, St. A's parishioner, read the Invocation, and Rev. Martha thanked the attendees for their support of St. A's outreach programs.

Reverb, an award-winning male a cappella group, sang a rousing program of civil rights anthems.

"We celebrate the life and work of Thurgood Marshall and his beloved wife, Cecilia Suyat Marshall, who

embody love of country, respect for the rights of others, freedom and equality for all, and racial harmony," said Rev. Martha. "Our parish strives to emulate them in its efforts to address pressing social issues here in our southwest neighborhood. Our parish hosts a weekly breakfast program, Bread for Life, now in its twentieth year."

She added, "We sponsor summer reading and recreation camps for young people, provide family support programs, offer scholarships for teenagers, and direct community members to appropriate social services agencies."

Keynote Speaker Sherrilyn Ifill mesmerized and inspired the audience with her remarks on the legacy of Thurgood Marshall who previously led the LDF, and assured the audience that the vision and strategy of Thurgood Marshall to

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**Gordon Biersch (Navy Yard) Hosting Southwest Community Gardens Fundraiser**

The community garden recently built in Lansburgh Park was chosen to be the recipient of a holiday happy hour fundraiser to be held on Wednesday, December 4th, from 6 – 8 p.m. at Gordon Biersch brewpub at 100 M St SE. Southwest Community Gardens, a project of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, will be highlighted as the sponsored charity by Gordon Biersch, as the brewery and restaurant samples its new winter brew.

The event will feature live music, a raffle of exciting prizes, and updates about this great new garden project, including upcoming spring events and workshops. Gordon Biersch’s winter beer will be available to taste at a suggested donation to the garden.

Everyone in the community is invited to participate in this fun, neighborhood event! Come show support for your local community garden, learn how you can become involved, and enjoy the great selection of beers and food at Gordon Biersch!

**Safesitter Training**

First aid, child choking rescue, and CPR will be taught to Southwest middle-school boys and girls ages 11-13 in a free Safesitter class in Southwest on Saturday, December 7th, from 8:30 am to 4 pm at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church 600 M St SW. A continental breakfast and lunch are provided.

Southwest residents Thelma Jones and Cheryl Hansberry Moore are trained, certified Safesitter instructors who will teach your child(ren) self-confidence in any emergency, whether they are home alone or at a neighbor’s house taking care of younger children.

Parents can register their children by Monday, December 2nd, by contacting Youth Activities Task Force Chair Thelma Jones at 202-251-1639 or tjones15@verizon.net.

Since the early 2000s, more than 70 youth have taken the Youth Activities Task Force Safesitter training. Until recently, YATF held the distinct honor of being the only registered Safesitter site in the nation’s capital.

**MARSHALL**

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bring justice, equality, and opportunity to all in America, especially “those on the bottom and on the fringes,” is still emphasized and practiced by the staff and 22 lawyers of the NAACP’s LDF.

“We are hard at work to live up to the amazing example set by Thurgood Marshall,” said Ifill, “and we have every intention of winning!”

The 2013 dinner sponsors included Betsy Karmin/DLA Piper, LLP at the gold level; and The Thurgood Marshall Center Trust, Inc., Attorney James Benny Jones Jr. and Mrs. Terry Duncombe-Jones, Josephus Nelson, Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund, and Kinshasha Holman Conwill at the silver levels.

Kinshasha Holman Conwill, working with event coordinators Gabrielle Malman and Derek Friday, coordinated a team of volunteers whose efforts produced a beautiful, successful evening. Special thanks to: Evelyn Anderson, Anonymous, Candice Bryant, Bruce Crane, Monica Evans, Abby Fenton, Elaine Graves, Hoffman Madison Waterfront LLP, Laura Hutson and Corey Katz, Carol Itskowitz, Cecilia Suyat Marshall, Marie Nahikian, Floyd Nelson, David Todd and St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church Congregation. Adding to the flawless production were GDM Event Productions LLC; Grand Cuisine, Catering; Laura Heffelfinger, Graphic Design and Gediyon Kifle, photographer.



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# A Deluxe Apartment in the Sky House

By William Rich, Secretary, Near SE/  
SW Community Benefits Coordinating  
Council

**A**head of its grand opening on December 2nd, the folks over at Sky House gave a media tour of the east tower building. Sky House is the adaptive reuse of the former EPA towers at Waterfront Station, with the east tower having the address of 1150 4th Street. Construction of the east tower began in February 2012 with the west tower beginning a few months later. This will be the second apartment building to open in Southwest this year - Camden South Capitol opened in April. Vicki Davis and Alan Lederman from Urban Atlantic led the tour of Sky House. JBG is also a partner in the



lounge called "Link"; a work station area called "Solve"; a two-level fitness center called "Kick Fitness" with a personal trainer on staff and towel service; 24-hour concierge service; an entertainment kitchen; game room; club room; and an elevated deck with water features, garden area, seating, and BBQ grills. A few units will have private entrances to the shared deck space. A pet grooming area will be located in the basement, along with bike racks. The rooftop features a small swimming pool and observation deck with unobstructed 360 degree views of Southwest and beyond. One can see as far away as Tysons Corner, National Harbor, and the National Cathedral. Safeway is just steps away next door at 1100 4th Street.

The target tenant demographic of the project is professionals, but especially those aged 25-40. Rents will range from the \$1,600s for studios to the low \$2,000s for 1BRs and up to \$3,000 and above for the largest 2BR units. The unit mix includes 13% studios, 59% 1BRs, and 28% 2BR units. A new website will soon launch for Sky House ([www.skyhousedc.com](http://www.skyhousedc.com)) with leasing of both market-rate and affordable units and move-ins on the lower floors of the east tower beginning on Monday, December 2nd.

development and will manage the property.

There are a total of 530 units in both buildings, with the east tower having 266 units and the remaining 264 units in the west tower. Twenty percent of the units (106 units in both buildings) will be affordable for households earning up to 50% of Area Median Income (AMI), which ranges from \$37,600 for a single-person household to \$53,650 for a family of four. Each building will have seven studio units, 32 one bedroom units and 14 two bedroom units that are set aside as affordable. Both buildings will be at least LEED-Silver, with energy-saving LED lighting and recycled materials among some of the green features.

Some of the unit features include electronic key entry, hardwood floors in the living areas, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, movable islands, glass enclosed showers, ceiling fans in the bedrooms, walk-in closets, and floor-to-ceiling glass windows. That floor-to-ceiling glass in the living area comes in handy for several units that contain bedrooms without windows. Instead, most of these interior bedrooms have

glass near the ceiling to allow natural light into the rooms. LED lights have also been installed by those glass panels to provide additional mood lighting in the evenings. Most of the units have 9'6" ceiling heights, but units on the third and 12th floors have 12' ceilings.

The common areas have been designed by RD Jones to give a "clubby" feel and Davis calls some of the building amenities "trendsetting for the area, but also a harbinger of things to come for the DC market." One of those innovations is the parking, which will be shared with the office building next door. There are 140 spaces licensed to the residential units, resulting in a parking ratio of approximately 0.5 per unit, double the minimum amount allowed by zoning. The theory behind the parking solution is office workers will use the parking spaces during the day and residents will use the same spaces in the evenings. Sky House will be one of the first buildings in DC to utilize a shared parking solution.

Most of the building amenities are located on the first two floors, which include a Wi-Fi



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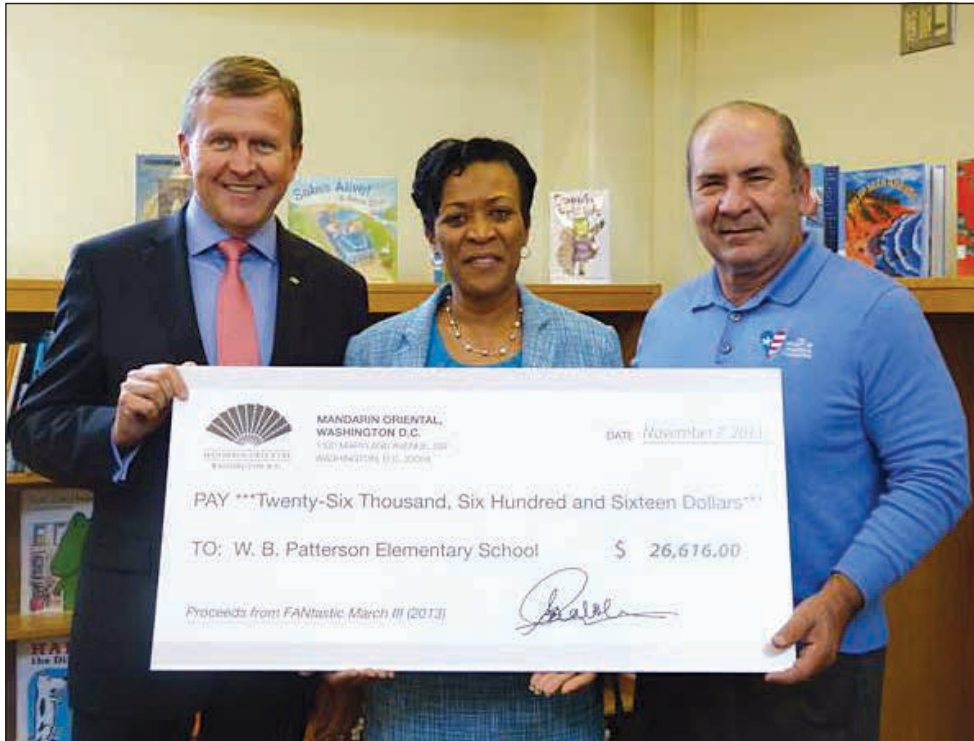
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## Mandarin Oriental Present Proceeds from Fundraiser Walk to SW Elementary School

*W.B. Patterson Elementary School in Southwest DC Receives USD 26,616*

General Manager Adriaan Radder and colleagues of Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C. visited W.B. Patterson Elementary School on November 6th, 2013, to present a check to Prin-

cipal Victorie L. Thomas in the amount of \$26,616. The funds represent the proceeds from the hotel's annual FANTastic March 5K fundraiser event, and were raised to support the Heart of America BuddyPack program.

"Supporting our community and our neighbors of Southwest remains a very important initiative for Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C., said General Manager Adriaan Radder. "We were thrilled to make this presentation today and spend some time reading to the children."

### About Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C.

The hotel's unique location on the southwest waterfront makes Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C. the only hotel offering views of the Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, Tidal Basin, and Washington Marina. In addition to exceptional accommodations and gracious service, the hotel features the Forbes Four-Star Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Sou'Wester, with locally sourced fare and fabulous views, and the AAA Five Diamond CityZen. For reservations, please contact the hotel directly at (202) 787-6140, toll free (888) 888-1778, or visit [www.mandarinoriental.com/washington](http://www.mandarinoriental.com/washington).



## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner at Arena Stage

By: Sheila Wickouski

Television actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner (*The Cosby Show*) makes his Arena Stage debut in a new adaptation of the 1967 classic film *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*.

If you remember 1967, it was the year the Supreme Court struck down anti-miscegenation laws in *Loving v. Virginia*.

In Hollywood history, it was the year Spencer Tracy died shortly after this, his last film was completed, receiving a posthumous Oscar nomination for his role as the father. Sidney Poiter was at the peak of his commercial career, having finished *To Sir with Love*, which is set in



Photo: Tony Powell

an inner city school in London, and *In the Heat of the Night*, in a racist small town in Mississippi.

Unlike Sidney Poiter's two other films that year, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* is set in the home of a liberal white couple whose daughter brings home an African-American fiance after an overseas trip.

If you wonder about how things have changed, and what are the things that remain same, this warm and witty show exploring family beliefs and the culture of the late 60's is just for you.

**WHERE:** Arena State at the Mead Center for American Theater

**WHEN:** November 29, 2013 – January 5, 2014

**COST:** \$40-\$90 For information on savings programs such as student discounts, Southwest Nights, Pay-Your-Age tickets, Family Fun Packs and Hero's Discounts, visit [arenastage.org/shows-tickets/single-tickets/savings-programs/](http://arenastage.org/shows-tickets/single-tickets/savings-programs/). Tickets may be purchased online at [arenastage.org](http://arenastage.org), by phone at 202-488-3300 or at the Sales Office at 1101 6th St SW.



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## Arena Stage Special Events

By: Sheila Wickouski

### SAVE THE DATES

#### SOUTHWEST NIGHTS:

Friday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m. *Maurice Hines is Tappin' Thru Life*

Tuesday, December 24 at 7:30 p.m. *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*

#### SPECIAL EVENTS AT ARENA

**WHAT:** GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER-DINNER **WHEN:** NOV. 19 In the spirit of Arena Stage's upcoming *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, Arena Stage will host several dinners throughout DC, Maryland, and Virginia with surprise notable guests. All venues will begin with cocktails at 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner.

**WHAT:** Third Annual Military Thanksgiving **WHEN:** NOV. 29 Arena Stage is inviting wounded warriors, their family, and military families with deployed service members to an elegant Thanksgiving dinner and a performance of the heartwarming comedy *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* at Arena Stage

INFORMATION: Contact Maria Corso at

202-600-4025 or [mcorso@ArenaStage.org](mailto:mcorso@ArenaStage.org).

### THE AMERICAN VOCIES NEW PLAYS INSTITUTE OPENS

Arena Stage's 2013/14 Kogod Cradle Series, part of the American Voices New Play Institute, opens with new works in which artists and audiences actively explore the possibilities of ideas in theater productions.

**WHAT:** *Toast* How did people come up with the inventions for making toast? And how did people make toast before the invention and widespread adoption of the electric toaster? That's the interesting question behind this interesting show!

**WHEN:** December 5-8, 2013

**COST:** \$10

**WHAT:** *The Power of Two* Remember Curly and Laurey in Oklahoma! Nicholas Rodriguez and Eleasha Gamble return in this cabaret about the powerful bonds of friendship and relationships. Highlights are their favorite Top 40 hits and the best of Broadway

**WHEN:** December 11-15, 2013

**COST:** Tickets start at \$25

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**6:00PM:**

- ★ Delight as snow begins to fall along the waterfront
- ★ Dance to live music from Nadine Rae and the All Stars
- ★ Marvel at the decorated houseboats and docked vessels
- ★ Watch the lighting of the Southwest Christmas Tree
- ★ Pose for a photograph with a very jolly Santa Claus
- ★ Be warmed by the 7th Street Landing's roaring bonfire
- ★ Test your skill at s'mores making and marshmallow roasting
- ★ Sip hot chocolate and savor warm apple cinnamon cider
- ★ Show your creativity and decorate gingerbread cookies

**7:00PM:**

- ★ Herald the arrival of the parade of boats from Alexandria
- ★ Vote for your very favorite decorated boat in the parade

**7:45PM:**

- ★ Cheer at a water-filled salute to the John Glenn fireboat
- ★ Applaud as parade and in-slip prize winners are announced

**Parade of Lights is FREE and co-produced by Washington Waterfront Association and the Old Dominion Boat Club** through the generosity of Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association and Hoffman-Madison Waterfront, developers of the District's new, world-class, mixed-use waterfront, The Wharf—with the support of Alexandria Fire Department, Cantina Marina, Capital Yacht Club, Destination DC, District of Columbia Fire Department, Entertainment Cruises, EventBrite, Gangplank Marina, Gangplank Slipholders Association, Jazz Night in Southwest, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, MPD Harbor Patrol, PhotoGenics, Port of Washington Yacht Club, Potomac Riverboat Company, RedPeg and Visit Alexandria, VA

This is a FREE outdoor event, held rain or snow. The Parade of Lights is best viewed in the District at 7th and Water Streets SW. 7th Street Landing is within four blocks of the L'Enfant Plaza and Waterfront Metrorail stops. Capital Bike Share is located at 700 Water Street SW. More event information regarding the District of Columbia Parade of Lights activities is online at [www.wharfdc.com](http://www.wharfdc.com) or available at 202-688-3590. To register a boat in the holiday parade visit [www.paradeoflightedboats.eventbrite.com](http://www.paradeoflightedboats.eventbrite.com).



DECEMBER

**SUN 1 @ 3 P.M. Sunday Poetry Hour**, Bring your favorite poem to share or just listen to some new and familiar poems.SW Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Place SW

**SUN 1 @ 6:30 P.M. St. Dominic Church Religious Movie Seminar**, “The Silver Chalice” with Paul Newman, Jack Palance, Pier Angeli, Virginia Mayo, and Loren Greene (1954) (142 minutes). **FREE**. Everyone welcome. Some people bring food to share but there is no obligation. St. Dominic Church, 630 E StSW. Contact Father Gerry 202-554-7863.

**MON 2 @ 7-8:30 P.M. PAWS of Southwest**. The monthly meeting is open to the public in the downstairs community room of in the SW Neighborhood Library. Also find us at **PAWS of Southwest** on Facebook.

**WED 4 @ 7 P.M. St. Augustine’s Art & Spirit Coffeehouse**, “Stories for a Season of Expectation” told by Tara Ramsey, Bruce Crane, and others to mark the Advent Season. Coffee and deserts, followed by audience Q&A. Free, donations accepted. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St SW. 202-554-3222 [www.staugustinesdc.org](http://www.staugustinesdc.org) or [rector@staugustinesdc.org](mailto:rector@staugustinesdc.org)

**FRI 6 @ 6:30 P.M. potluck, 7 P.M. games**. St. Augustine’s Game Night. Bring a potluck dish to share. Board and card games provided, but feel free to bring your own games too. All ages welcome. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St SW, 202-554-3222 [www.staugustinesdc.org](http://www.staugustinesdc.org) or [rector@staugustinesdc.org](mailto:rector@staugustinesdc.org)

**SAT 7 @ 3-4 P.M. The Labyrinth, Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 400 I St SW. Walk a Sacred Path. The LABYRINTH opens the FIRST SATURDAY

Community Calendar
View our on-line calendar at [www.swdc.org/calendar](http://www.swdc.org/calendar).

Submit Calendar events to [calendar@thesouthwester.com](mailto:calendar@thesouthwester.com) by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

of each month. Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool for meditation, prayer, inner guidance, and contemplation. Walking guides will be present to answer questions. [www.westminsterdc.org](http://www.westminsterdc.org).

**SUN 8 @ 6:30 P.M. St. Dominic Church Religious Movie Seminar**, “Anchoress” with Natalie Morse and Christopher Eccleston (1993) (108 minutes). **FREE**. Everyone Welcome. Some people bring food to share but there is no obligation. St. Dominic Church, 630 E St SW. Contact Father Gerry 202-554-7863.

**MON 9 @ 7-10 P.M. ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting**, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St SW, DCRA Hearing Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Voting for new Commissioners for Districts 1 and 3 to fill vacancies. Residents in Districts 1 and 3 are urged to attend and vote.

**SUN 15 @ 4 P.M. Shirli Hughes and Ovation!** Presents Light of the World, an exciting concert of holiday music to fill the season with prayerful warmth and cheer! Guest MC: WHUR’s Jacquie Gales Webb. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW.

**SUN 15 @ 6:30 P.M. St. Dominic Church Religious Movie Seminar**, “The Agony and the Ecstasy” Charlton Heston and Rex Harrison (1965) (138 minutes). Parish meeting room. **FREE**. Everyone Welcome. Some people bring food to share but there is no obligation. The regular starting time is 6:30 pm on Sunday nights

until the end of March. St. Dominic Church, 630 E St SW. Contact Father Gerry 202-554-7863 or more info. can be found at [stdominicchurch.org](http://stdominicchurch.org).

**TUES 24 @ 7 P.M. Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols**, St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St SW, 202-554-3222 [www.staugustinesdc.org](http://www.staugustinesdc.org) or [rector@staugustinesdc.org](mailto:rector@staugustinesdc.org)

**TUES 24 @ 7-8 P.M. Christmas Eve Candle-light Service**, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW. [www.westminsterdc.org](http://www.westminsterdc.org).

**WED 25 @ 10 A.M. Christmas Day Service**, St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St SW, 202-554-3222 [www.staugustinesdc.org](http://www.staugustinesdc.org) or [rector@staugustinesdc.org](mailto:rector@staugustinesdc.org)

**SUN 29 @ 2 P.M. Downton Abbey Re-Cap**, Need a refresher before Season 4 of Downton Abbey begins? Join us for a showing of the Season 3 finale! SW Neighborhood Library

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

**ADULTS/SENIORS BINGO BRUNCH, 1-3 P.M.**, Mondays and Thursdays, at King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW. **FREE**

**AEROBICS WITH Ms. Dee, 6:30-7:30 P.M.**, Mondays and Thursdays, at King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW in the Multipurpose Room.

**AYE COMMUNITY MARKETS, 9 A.M.-1 P.M.**, Saturdays, Dreaming Out Loud is running the farmers market on the grounds of Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4<sup>th</sup> St SW.

**BABY STORY TIME, 10:30 A.M.**, Tuesdays, songs, finger plays, and games to promote development of literacy skills. SW Neighborhood Library.

**BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M.**, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye St SW, Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale.

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church**, 600 M St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the “littlest members” of a community of faith.

**COMPUTER CLASSES, Tuesdays 10-12 Noon**, SW Neighborhood Library

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| <b>TUES 3</b>  | Introduction to Personal Computers |
| <b>TUES 10</b> | Internet Basics                    |
| <b>TUES 17</b> | DC Public Library website          |
| <b>TUES 24</b> | No Class scheduled                 |
| <b>TUES 31</b> | No Class scheduled                 |

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT, WEDNESDAYS, 6:30-7:30 P.M.** Join the SW Neighborhood Library for game nights! Come play a host of Wii video games or enjoy a nice board game. **Wed 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21st & 28<sup>th</sup>**. Call for times 202-4752

**HAND DANCING CLASSES, SATURDAYS, 12-2 P.M.**, Jitterbug, Lindy Hop, classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children 8-17. **Christ United Methodist Church**, 900 4th St SW, Community

room off Wesley Place SW.

**HAND DANCING CLASSES, SATURDAYS, 12:45-3:45 P.M.**, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW. 645-7454

**JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, FRIDAYS, 6-9 P.M.** Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye St SW. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

**JOB SEEKERS PROGRAM, WEDNESDAYS 1-7:00 P.M.** By Appointment Only; Call 724-4298. Help with resumes, cover letters, applications, and other aspects of the job search process. Dec 4th, 11th & 18<sup>th</sup>. SW Neighborhood Library.

**THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M.**, every first and third Monday Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW.

**LITTLE FARM STAND at the Duck Pond, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.**, Saturdays through December 21<sup>st</sup> Organic produce, baked goods, and preserves from Loudoun County. [www.southwestduckpond.org](http://www.southwestduckpond.org)

**POLICE SERVICE AREA 105**, Community meeting, **7-8:30 P.M.**, every third Thursday, Location announced at previous meeting.

**POLICE SERVICE AREA 106**, Community meeting, **10-11 A.M.**, every fourth Saturday, Community Room 900 5<sup>th</sup> St SE.

**PRE SCHOOL STORYTIMES, 10:30-11:30 A.M.**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays, suitable for children 18 mos.-3years. **2-2:30 P.M.** every Wednesday, **Read Aloud Book Club** for 8 years and up, SW Neighborhood Library,

**SEATED YOGA, 11:00-Noon on Mondays, and Wednesdays 4-5 P.M.**, Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster’s Wellness program.

**SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA**, Alcoholics Anonymous group, **8:30 P.M.**, Mondays, St. Augustine’s Church, 600 M St SW, (202) 554-3222.

**SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M.**, Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye St SW.

**TUESDAY WALK FOR WELLNESS** while walking to music, **11-12 P.M.** in the gym of King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW.

**TODDLER STORY TIME. 10:30 A.M.**, stories, picture books, and rhymes and a take home craft project. SW Neighborhood Library.

**WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB, 7-9 P.M.**, first and third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions, and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW. 202-863-0564

**WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS**, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye St SW, **4 P.M.** Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine). **5 P.M.** Tai Chi (Manifest Ra). **5:30 P.M.** Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi). **6:45 P.M.** Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). **7 P.M.** Narcotics Anonymous SW Freeway Meeting.

**SUBMIT CALENDAR events to [calendar@thesouthwester.com](mailto:calendar@thesouthwester.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.**



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## December's Art & Spirit Coffeehouse Presents an Evening of Stories for the Advent Season

"Stories for a Season of Expectation," told by Tara Ramsey and Bruce Crane, is the program for St. Augustine's Art & Music Coffeehouse on Wednesday, December 4th, 2013 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. The 7 p.m. program at the church at 600 M St SW includes coffee and desserts served throughout the evening, followed by a Q&A session.

Ramsey and Crane, along with others, will tell stories that point the way to the themes of hope and expectation that mark the Advent Season.

The program, featuring long-time, dedicated

parishioners and others, all talented storytellers, promises to be an inspirational and entertaining evening.

The Southwest Episcopal Church's Art & Spirit Coffeehouse series opens on the first Wednesday of each month to showcase local artists in their various media as they perform and share how their faith, art, and social worldview intersect, according to the Rev. Martha Clark, Priest-in-Charge at St. Augustine's. Donations will be accepted to help provide honoraria for the guest artists. Contact rector@staugustinesdc.org, 202-554-3222 or visit www.staugustinesdc.org for further information.

## SCHOLARSHIP

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Ms. Hall is a 2012 graduate of the the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), where she majored in environmental studies in the Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program. She attended DC public schools throughout her educational career and graduated from the School Without Walls in 2008. During the summers of 2006-07, she toured as a clown with the acclaimed Vermont youth circus group, Circus Smirkus, and was a featured performer in the *Circus Dreams* documentary.

Before college, her only international experience was visiting Canada, but she followed up her semester in New Zealand by working in Peru with indigenous people about mitigating climate change effects, conducting environmental research in Ecuador, and traveling South America. She attended the 2012 climate change conference in Doha, Qatar to gather more information about climate change impacts on indigenous peoples.

Ms. Hall is one of more than 1,700 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2013-2014 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange

program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of State with support from participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States.

The program operates in over 155 countries worldwide. Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright, the Program has given over 300,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists, scientist, and other professionals the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential.

Ms. Hall says she's "really excited" about her trip beginning in January, as are many of her neighbors in River Park. Her family and friends in Southwest are looking forward to hearing more from her during her travels. The only qualm so far, she said, is her mother's concern that she might "meet and marry a sheep farmer" and wind up staying there. From her earlier itinerary, she doesn't seem likely to stay in one place for long, though.



November 24 was Westminster Presbyterian Church's 2013 Education Sunday, this year dedicated to the memory of Ron McBee (1945-2013), "One who did what he could to build community." The Amidon-Bowen and Wilson High School choirs performed, as did members of the Jefferson Academy band. Westminster Church presented 30 new school color robes for the Amidon-Bowen Choir and \$500 checks to the Jefferson Student Activities fund and the Wilson Music Program."

## God Allows U-Turns!

By Rev. Ida Moss, Senior Pastor • [www.MyGreaterWorks.org](http://www.MyGreaterWorks.org)



Have you ever taken a wrong turn while driving and really messed things up? The best solution is often to make a U-Turn and start over. In Jeremiah 18, we find the story of a potter attempting to shape clay into a beautiful vessel. Jeremiah noticed that when the vessel turned out badly, the potter did not simply discard the clay. Instead, he took that same old clay, started over, and made it into another more perfect vessel. God then told Jeremiah, "I can do the same thing with you!" It is never too late to ask God to help you make a U-Turn! You CAN out-live your past mistakes!

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## Thank You, Naomi!

Naomi Monk, a long-time Southwest community leader announced she is moving on to other meaningful endeavors. Monk was a former Southwest Neighborhood Assembly President. For 13 years Ms. Monk hosted Southwest's largest volunteer email service, SWDC E-Blast. She faithfully and reliably passed along valuable information to residents; in many cases used she the platform as a tool to obtain prompt responses from DC agencies. Thank you, Naomi!



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Service of Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m.**

**Wed., Dec. 25, 2013:  
Christmas Day Service, 10 a.m.**



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# Art Yards



Photo: Ian Roche

Over ten days in mid-November, three street artists were brought in to add some much needed love to the old NGA building at Navy Yard in a project dubbed ArtYards. The artists Kelly Towles, DABSMYLA, and Jasper Wong each brought their own individual talents to a building left for demolition. Their work can be seen until March 2014 when the building is slated for removal.

# October Real Estate Update

By: Jason Martin

	Sep-13	Sep-12	%Change
Sold Dollar Volume	\$6,412,300	\$5,264,000	21.81%
Avg Sold Price	\$356,239	\$376,000	-5.26%
Median Sold Price	\$338,000	\$330,500	2.27%
Units Sold	18	14	28.57%
Avg Days on Market	20	39	48.72%
Avg List Price for Solds	\$352,761	\$379,814	-7.12%
Avg SP to OLP Ratio	99.6%	98.4%	1.30%

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